

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST COMMUNION - We will have first communion instruction **TODAY** after the 11:15 service. Lunch will be provided, and we should be done in about an hour. Please call the office to let us know if you will be coming and how many kids you are bringing. First communion in church will happen on August 8th (Rally Day!). So excited for our youngest members to receive the body and blood of Jesus!

SUNDAY SERVICE SERVERS – A church service is defined as a formalized period of Christian communal worship, often held in a church building. Pastors come to church to serve the members of the congregation. Members come to be served and to serve those around them. Returning to normal means returning to the service of others. In the next few weeks, please consider serving those around you by stepping in to make each Sunday successful. Some of the ways of serving are: Helping the **Altar Guild** set up before the service, **Greeting** people as they arrive, **Assisting** the Pastors during the service, **Reading** from the Bible aloud, **Counting** offering after the service, **Cleaning up** the Welcome area & loading the dishwasher after the 11:15 service, **Ushering** and tidying up the sanctuary after services... We can't do it without you. Let us know if you can assist.

SOCIAL MISSIONS IS AT IT AGAIN! - Our FOOD VOUCHER program is getting ready to start back up, the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month, from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm. **If you would like to be a part of these wonderful ministries, please call Phyllis Sims @423-987-0644 or any member of the Social Missions Group. Several of their members have retired.** If you would like to sign up to help distribute food vouchers, please SIGN UP on chattanooga.lutheran.org, on the SERVE page in the menu. We're currently collecting CEREAL & packets of INSTANT POTATOES.

NEW MEMBER SOCIAL - Are you or someone you know new to Trinity? Is there someone in your life curious about church but not ready to show up on Sunday? We've got an event for them! On Thursday **July 29th at 6:00pm** we will be having a New Faces Social at Ingrid Fortuna's house. Whether you are brand new and visiting today or you've been coming for a while and are hoping to get more involved you are welcome to join us for a happy hour style gathering to get to know your friends in the pews and learn a little bit more about Trinity Lutheran! Invite a friend if you like, everyone is welcome! If you are already a member at Trinity and want to join in the fun and welcome these folks you are also welcome! Please RSVP to Pastor Elise (pastoreliseanderson@gmail.com) by July 22nd.

LADIES LUNCH OUT - Ladies lunch out is **August 14** at 12pm at Volcano Crab 2342 Shallowford Village Dr. Contact Pam Smith (716) 908-3560 or Mary Smith 423-718-1362 for reservations.

Trinity Lutheran Church
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
July 25, 2021
Traditional Services

Today is the first of five Sundays with gospel readings from John 6, the first four of which focus on Jesus as bread of life. Today Jesus feeds thousands of people with five loaves and two fish. What we have, what we bring to Jesus' table, seems like it is not nearly enough to meet all the needs we see around us. But it is not the adequacy of our supplies or our skills that finally makes the difference: it is the power of Jesus working in the littlest and least to transform this world into the world God desires, a world where all the hungry are satisfied.

WELCOME/PRELUDE

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

People: Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

God, our provider,
help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN All Who Hunger, Gladly Gather ELW 461



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na is our bread.
2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
3 All who hun-ger, sing to- geth-er, Je- sus Christ is liv- ing bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan-d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.
Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their days in grat-i-tude.



Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.
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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Kyrie/Hymn of Praise (Choir)

Italics: Cantor

Bold: Congregation



Light a fire in our hearts, O Lord, have mer - cy and hear us. Give_



mean - ing to our lives, O Lord, have mer - cy and hear us. Give us peace from a - bove, di -



rect our ev' - ry move, u - nite us with the Spi - rit through the pow - er of your love, O



Lord, have mer - cy and hear us. A _____ men. A _____ men.

Fire of life, Ho - ly one, Burn in us like a sun.
 Fire of life, Coun - se - lor, Keep us from the temp - ter's snare.
 Fire of life, fill the Earth, Light us up, give us new birth.
 Fire of life, make us one with the Fa - ther and the Son, who

Fire of life you we a - dore, Help us love you ev - er -
 Fire of life, be our guide, show us heav'n's gate o - pen
 Fire of life, breath of heav'n, Be in us a ho - ly
 rule to - geth - er, One in Three, now and through e - ter - ni -

more. Let al - le - lu - ias fill our days as you teach us how to
 wide. Let al - le - lu - ias fill our days as you teach us how to
 leav'n. ty. Let al - le - lu - ias fill our days as you teach us how to

sing God's praise. Let al - le - lu - ias fill our days as you
 sing God's praise. Let al - le - lu - ias fill our days as you

teach us how to sing God's praise. praise. A - men. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44

⁴²A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." ⁴³But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, "They shall eat and have some left.'" ⁴⁴He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 145:10-18

¹⁰All your works shall praise you, O LORD,
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

¹¹**They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power,**

¹²that all people may know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion
endures throughout all ages. You, LORD, are faithful in all
your words, and loving in all your works.**

¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

¹⁵**The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,
and you give them their food in due season.**

¹⁶You open wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷**You are righteous in all your ways
and loving in all your works.**

¹⁸You are near to all who call upon you,
to all who call upon you faithfully.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me ACS1084



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the name of Ho-ly, great cloud of wit-ness-
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash-ing of light-ning,
4 Walk-ing be-hind to hem my jour-ney, go-ing a-head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up-hold me:
es en-fold; proph-ets, a-pos-tles, an-gels wit-ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan-et:
light my way, and from be-neath, a-bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

Gospel: John 6:1-21

The holy gospel according to St. John, the 6th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" ¹⁰Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

¹⁵When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

¹⁶When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸The sea became rough

because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." ²¹Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Elise Anderson

SERMON

Pastor David Klepper

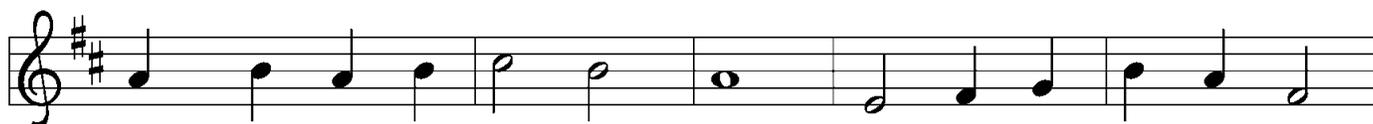
HOD

Break Now the Bread of Life

ELW 515



1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you
3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly



broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live



I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

AM: We pray for the church. Bless the ministries of our neighboring congregations. Empower churches throughout the world and encourage missionaries who accompany global neighbors. Kindle in us a spirit of collaboration, that all people may know your loving works. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

AM: We pray for creation. Send rain to lands experiencing drought and come to the aid of those enduring sweltering heat. Nurture wheat and barley crops grown for the nourishment of your people and conserve aquatic habitats and fish populations. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

AM: We pray for those who govern. Cast out arrogance, selfishness, and corruption and instruct those who lead to practice compassion and humility. Inspire them with a vision of the common good and a commitment to ensure that all who hunger are fed. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

AM: We pray for those bowed down by heavy burdens: those who are unemployed or underemployed, those unable to find affordable housing, and those without health insurance. Console those who grieve and hear the cries of those who call to you for healing. Especially do we lift up to you... **The family of Sharron Blezzard, The family of Maryann Jackson, Jerry & Patty** (Marlene Hiltunen), **Jean** Painter (Ray Painter's Mother), **Sandy** Maddox & **Michael** Pell (Joyce Davis), **Bill** Phelps (Carol Wilburn), **Nancy** Gubish (hospice), **Shawn & Mark** (Marlene Hiltunen), **Katy** Allison, **Bruce & Amy** Annear (Fran Balsis), **Lynn** Ayers (Cree Giesel), **Scott** Baily (Fran Balsis), **Alice** Barnett, **Colin** Bakse (Sondra Hart), **Bill** Balsis, **Bonnie** Bean (James Craig), **Theresa** Bowman, **Robert** Burns (Carol Hayde)... as well as those whom we name in our hearts or out loud before you now... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

AM: We pray for this assembly. Deepen our resolve to use what we have to serve those in need. When we worry that we do not have enough resources for ministry, assure us of your abundance. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

AM: We give thanks for those who have died. As you sustained them through all their days, so dwell in our hearts, that we may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PEACE (*stand*)

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER (*stand*)

Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

HOLY COMMUNION

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, who enthroned forever at your right hand intercedes for us as our great high priest. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim, and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might. Heav'n and earth are
 full of your glo-ry, ho - san - na in the high-est. Blessed is the One who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high-est.

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath. **We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future. **We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now. **We thank you, O God.**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world. Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end. **Amen.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.
Come and see! **Thanks be to God.**

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a-way our sins; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of
God, you take a-way our sins; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of
God, you take a-way our sins; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

AM: Let us pray together: **Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING (stand)

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, † be upon you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

ELW 547



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
 2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.
 the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
 our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
 em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
 With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
 lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
 Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
 give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

DISMISSAL: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. Go in peace, Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**